

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

August 13, 2013
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
Mr. John C. Austin, President
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President
Mr. Daniel Varner, Secretary
Dr. Richard Zeile, Treasurer
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, NASBE Delegate
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus
Mrs. Eileen Weiser
Mr. Craig Ruff, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Absent: Mr. Gary Abud, Jr., 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEM

A. Revised Page 11 of Item A: Presentation on the 2011-2012
Educator Preparation Institution Performance Score Report

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.

Mrs. Straus said Board members received the report of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness, and she requested that it be added to the agenda. Discussion occurred during the State and Federal Legislative Update.

The vote was taken on the motion, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said Mr. Varner has been recognized by the Skillman Foundation as an Ordinary Hero – an education influencer and man on a mission to push Detroit high school graduation rates to 90 percent.

Mr. Flanagan said technology has been updated, and Board members are using iPads to access the agenda and supporting documents.

Mr. Flanagan said based on discussion during the June Board meeting and Agenda Planning meeting, he will be facilitating presentation and discussion of agenda items in a timely manner following Roberts Rules of Order.

Mr. Flanagan shared a photo of his grandson.

VI. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – DANIEL VARNER AND JOHN AUSTIN

Mr. Varner said Mr. Flanagan received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Boards of Education. Mr. Austin said on July 30, Ms. Fecteau and Dr. Zeile accepted the award on behalf of Mr. Flanagan who was unable to attend due to a previously scheduled speaking engagement. Mr. Austin presented the award to Mr. Flanagan, the first State Superintendent to receive the award.

VII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY

Ms. Ramos-Montigny thanked Mr. Flanagan for speaking during the Michigan Education Association Summer Leadership Conference on July 30 in Saginaw. She said his presentation was well received by those in attendance.

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:49 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

IX. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

X. PRESENTATION ON THE 2011-2012 EDUCATOR PREPARATION INSTITUTION PERFORMANCE SCORE REPORT

Dr. Joseph Martineau, Deputy Superintendent, Accountability Services; and Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; presented the 2011-2012 Educator Preparation Institution Performance Score Report.

Mr. Flanagan said staff from the Office of Professional Preparation Services has gathered the necessary data and applied the existing criteria producing the Educator Preparation Institution Performance Score Report. He said the results will also be reported to the United States Department of Education to comply with the Higher Education Act.

Dr. Martineau and Dr. Jenkins used a [PowerPoint presentation](#) to share information on the report.

Board member discussion included maintaining diversity of program offerings when programs are closed due to corrective action; revision of assessments and flux in Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) pass rates; correlation between SAT and ACT scores to MTTC pass rates; alternate route Detroit Teacher Project through University of Michigan – Flint; successful improvement of programs in corrective action status; balancing test scores with teachers’ ability to relate to students, classroom management skills and diversity; and addressing the gap between coursework in educator preparation institutions and kindergarten through twelfth grade instruction expectations.

XI. PRESENTATION ON THE REVISED 2014 EDUCATOR PREPARATION INSTITUTION (EPI) PERFORMANCE SCORE

Dr. Joseph Martineau, Deputy Superintendent, Accountability Services; Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; and Ms. Leah Breen, Assistant Director, Professional Preparation Services; presented the Revised 2014 Educator Preparation Institution Performance Score.

Mr. Flanagan said over the past year, the Michigan Department of Education has developed an internal committee to address matters related to educator preparation, including the revision of the educator preparation performance score. He said the committee has organized the revised educator preparation performance score around three goals that consider the priorities of the Board and Department. He said the revised metrics align with the newly adopted Michigan Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (MI-InTASC) standards.

Dr. Martineau said educator preparation institutions have been involved in the development of the performance score.

Information was shared via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Board member discussion included teacher effectiveness as determined by ratings individual educators receive from their districts in the first three years of teaching, a major concern that the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification was too heavily weighted in the previous score, Evidence Supported Annual Report metrics, geographic location of educator preparation institution as a factor in recruiting diverse candidates, enlisting the help of educator preparation programs with teacher surveys one year after graduation, gleaned additional information from the new survey instrument, weighting for school district culture and climate and testing scores of students, more experienced teachers should be assigned to the most difficult situations, teacher retention rates, and the importance of intentional recruitment of diversity and relationships that enrich educator preparation institutions.

XII. PRESENTATION ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE CENTERS

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services; and Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; presented the Master Plan for Mathematics and Science Centers.

Mr. Flanagan said Section 99 of the State School Aid Act requires that the Master Plan for Mathematics and Science Centers from December 2007 be re-evaluated and updated by the Department and approved by the Board no later than September 30, 2013.

Dr. Keesler said since 1988, when the Michigan Legislature took the lead, it has provided targeted support for improvement of mathematics and science education by creating and supporting the Mathematics and Science Centers. She said in 1992, the legislature called for the first Master Plan and revisions to the plan occurred in 1996, 2002 and 2007 with this being the fifth reiteration.

Information was shared via a [PowerPoint presentation](#).

Board member discussion included the location of centers, long-term vision for leadership and state funding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); Michigan's robust system of STEM professions and schools preparing students for careers in STEM; support of business and foundations; deliberateness of broadening the range of stakeholders involved in governance; mathematics and science centers are vital assets; and laboratories outside of school classrooms that are available for use.

The Master Plan for Mathematics and Science Centers will be presented to the Board for approval in September.

XIII. DISCUSSION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANT PROGRAMS

Dr. Zeile requested that, to facilitate easy reference, future grant criteria be listed in a numbered sequence in order of funding amount.

With regard to Criteria for the State School Aid Act Section 64a Establishing Partnerships that Develop Statewide Transfer or Articulation Agreements, Mrs. Weiser asked if there is a lingering problem with K-14 credit and payment transfers between high schools and middle colleges.

Dr. Keesler said although work has been done on the issue of transfers, additional work is needed for planning and alignment. Ms. Patty Cantu, Director, Career and Technical Education, said each of the institutions are working out payments in a creative manner, and they may be at a point to share best practices. She said there are currently 26 early middle colleges in various geographic, rural and urban settings.

Mr. Austin said criteria for grant programs are aligned to Board and Department priorities. He said these are opportunities to use state and federal resources to reach the goal by aligning with multiple priorities to achieve as many outcomes as possible benefitting the schools and students that need it the most.

Mrs. Weiser said the Board is being asked to approve Criteria for Section 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant. She asked for an update on schools transitioning to digital assessments and the funding available. By Board consensus, the item was added to the Discussion agenda later in the meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:21 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Kristin Walden Grattan, Okemos, Michigan. Ms. Walden Grattan shared verbal comments and written information on the Network of Michigan Educators and Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi).
- B. Ms. Mary T. Wood, Warren, Michigan. Ms. Wood shared verbal comments regarding the Education Achievement Authority and Board oversight.

- C. Ms. Marianne Yared McGuire, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. McGuire, former State Board of Education member, shared verbal comments regarding the closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.
- D. Ms. Helen Moore, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Moore, representing Keep The Vote/No Takeover, shared verbal comments regarding Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.

Mr. Ruff left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

- E. Ms. Cynthia Lowe, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Lowe provided verbal comments on the proposed closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.
- F. Mr. Dunamis Archer, Dearborn, Michigan. Mr. Archer provided verbal comments on the closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.
- G. Ms. Cynthia Caldwell, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Caldwell provided verbal comments on the educational harm of closing Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School.
- H. Ms. Aliya Moore, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Moore, representing Oakman Tiger Parent Organization, provided verbal and written comments regarding the closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic Orthopedic Elementary School in Detroit.
- I. Mr. Tom Pedroni, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Pedroni provided verbal comments regarding the closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.
- J. Mr. Lester Hunt, IV, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Hunt provided verbal comments regarding the closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.
- K. Ms. Xeronna Smith, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Smith provided verbal comments regarding the closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.
- L. Ms. Vanessa Wright, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Wright, a student at Davis Aerospace Technical High School, provided verbal comments regarding the school's closing.
- M. Mr. Alfred Wright, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Wright, parent of students at Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School and Davis Aerospace Technical School, provided verbal comments on closing both schools.
- N. Mr. Darius (last name not provided), Detroit, Michigan. Darius shared verbal comments on the closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.

- O. Ms. Ola Wayne, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Wayne shared verbal comments on Mumford High School and the Education Achievement Authority.
- P. Ms. Vatoria Dat, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Dat shared verbal comments on school closings and the Education Achievement Authority.
- Q. Ms. Janea Wayne, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Wayne shared verbal comments on Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School, Mumford High School and education of the future.

XVI. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- E. Approval of Minutes of Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 18, 2013

Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 18, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XVII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

At the request of Mr. Flanagan, Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative and Support Services, introduced Ms. Eunice Borelli to the State Board of Education. Ms. Borelli, a new employee in the Library of Michigan, distributed "Michigan eLibrary" bookmarks and magnets to Board members.

XVIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Austin said he and Dr. Zeile will testify before the House Education Subcommittee on Common Core Standards on August 14, 2013.

Mr. Austin said the State Board of Education has adopted a priority to lead in developing a vision and comprehensive plan for redesigning Michigan school organization and finance. He said the Board will partner with the Governor, State Superintendent, and Legislature.

He said Casandra Ulbrich, Eileen Weiser and he are participating in a bipartisan school funding workgroup with Chairman Bill Rogers and other members of the House Appropriations Subcommittees on School Aid and Education. He said Michigan State University Education Policy Center graduate assistants are also providing assistance.

Mr. Austin said he appreciates the testimony of concerned citizens regarding the closing of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School which was shared during the public participation portion of the Board meeting.

XIX. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- F. Human Resources Report
- G. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- H. Report on the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- I. Report on the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- J. Report on the West Shore Educational Service District Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services

Grants

- L. Report on Grant Awards
 - 2010-2011 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment
 - 2011-2012 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment (1)
 - 2011-2012 ARRA Title I School Improvement Grant – Amendment (2)
 - 2012-2013 Section 22.i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grants, Category 3 – Amendment
 - 2012-2013 Title IIA Statewide Technical Assistance Center Grants – Initial
 - 2013-2014 Title I Statewide System of Support Technical Assistance Grant – Initial
 - 2013-2014 Secondary CTE Perkins Grant Program – Initial
 - 2011-2012 Title I, Part D Prevention and Intervention of Neglected and Delinquent – Amendment
 - 2012-2013 ESEA Regional ISD Partnership Grant – Initial
 - 2012-2013 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected and Delinquent – Amendment
 - 2012-2013 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – Amendment
 - 2012-2013 Title I Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment
 - 2012-2013 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects – Amendment
 - 2012-2013 Title II, Part A(3) Improving Teacher Quality – Amendment
 - 2012-2013 Child and Adolescent Health Centers – Initial

- 2012-2013 Hearing and Vision Screenings – Initial
- 2012-2013 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amendment
- 2011-2012 Early Learning Enhancement Grant – Initial
- 2011-2012 Early Learning Enhancement Grant – Amendment
- 2013-2014 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grants – Amendment, Continuation (1)
- 2013-2014 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grants – Amendment, Continuation (2)
- 2013-2014 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grants – Initial, Continuation

Mr. Flanagan said he appreciates the Board's continued support of the Common Core State Standards and the testimony of Mr. Austin and Dr. Zeile at the House Education Subcommittee hearing on August 14.

Mr. Flanagan said the School Report Cards will be released within the next two weeks. He said the Report Card was adjusted in order for Michigan to receive the federal waiver from the No Child Left Behind Act. He said without the waiver, all students would have had to be 100 percent proficient in reading and mathematics by next year, otherwise the school would not make Adequate Yearly Progress.

XX. REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Gary Abud, Jr., 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, was absent; therefore, no verbal report was provided.

XXI. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, presented the State and Federal Legislative Update. He said the Legislature is not in session, but they are conducting hearings on Common Core State Standards. He said the House Appropriations Subcommittees have also been meeting.

Mr. Ackley said the Board's Legislative Committee will be meeting on Monday, August 19.

In response to Mrs. Straus's comment that the Board should have further discussion regarding the recommendations of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness as presented in its report, it was determined that the Board's Legislative Committee will discuss this topic.

Mr. Austin said the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness report, *Building and Improvement-Focused System of Educator Evaluation in Michigan: Final Recommendations* was submitted to the Governor, Legislature and State Board of Education. He said legislation and resources are necessary to accompany the recommended evaluation strategies contained in the report.

XXII. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR SECTION 22I TECHNOLOGY READINESS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Criteria for Section 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant was discussed during the Committee of the Whole and moved to Discussion on the Regular agenda.

Dr. Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services; and Ms. Linda Forward, Director, Education Improvement and Innovation; distributed a 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant funding summary. Ms. Forward reviewed the categories contained in the funding summary.

Board action was taken as part of the Consent Agenda.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- M. Approval of the Proposed Michigan Teacher Leader Preparation Standards
- N. Approval of Criteria for the State School Aid Act Section 61a. (3) Integration of Michigan Merit Curriculum Content Standards
- O. Approval of Criteria for the State School Aid Act Section 64a Establishing Partnerships that Develop Statewide Transfer or Articulation Agreements
- P. Approval of Criteria for Section 22i Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant
- Q. Approval of Criteria for Section 22k Competitive Student-Centric Grants Program
- R. Approval of Criteria for Section 99h Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants
- S. Approval of Criteria for Section 99(7) Mathematics and Science Centers Support for the Michigan STEM Partnership
- T. Approval of Criteria for Early Childhood Block Grant
- U. Approval of Criteria for the Consolidation of Local Educational Agencies/Intermediate School District Grants
- V. Approval of Criteria for Section 451 of Public Act 102 of 2013: Cooperative Education Grant
- W. Approval of State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education Cosponsorships

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:

- M. approve the Michigan Teacher Leader Preparation Standards, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013;**
- N. approve the Criteria for the State School Aid Act Section 61a (3) Integration of Michigan Merit Curriculum Content Standards, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013;**
- O. approve the Criteria for the State School Aid Act Section 64a Establishing Partnerships that Develop Statewide Transfer or Articulation Agreements, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013;**
- P. approve the Criteria for Section 22i: Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013;**
- Q. approve the Criteria for the Section 22k: Competitive Student-Centric Grants Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013;**
- R. approve the Criteria for Section 99h: Competitive FIRST Robotics Grants, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013;**
- S. approve the Criteria for Section 99(7) Mathematics and Science Centers Support for the Michigan STEM Partnership, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013;**
- T. approve the Criteria for Early Childhood Block Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013;**
- U. approve the criteria for the Consolidation of Local Education Agencies/Intermediate School Districts Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated August 1, 2013;**
- V. approve the Criteria for Section 451 of Public Act 102 of 2013: Cooperative Education Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013; and**
- W. support the cosponsorship of the conferences, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated July 22, 2013.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXIV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Ms. Fecteau said there are Criteria for Section 451 of Public Act 102 of 2013: Cooperative Education Grant, which is funding for Marshall Public Schools as they enroll students from the closed Albion High School. She asked if there were similar grant funds available for school districts enrolling students from the recently dissolved Buena Vista Schools and Inkster Public Schools.

Ms. Wendy Larvick, Legislative Liaison, Section 451 funding was part of a supplemental appropriation approved by the Legislature. She said there was nothing similarly appropriated for Buena Vista and Inkster.

Dr. Zeile said there was also funding involved in the merger process of Ypsilanti Public Schools and Willow Run Community Schools, and it does make sense to consider costs involved to assist students who are displaced due to transitions such as Buena Vista and Inkster.

Mr. Flanagan said Saginaw Intermediate School District and Wayne RESA are to be commended for their efforts in assisting students who are transitioning to new school districts.

Mr. Varner said closing schools or opening new school buildings should be based primarily on quality. He said statewide data systems must allow for data to follow students in a timely manner. Mr. Varner said public hearings should be held regarding school closures. He said the Board should consider a policy statement on these issues.

Following discussion, Mr. Austin said he would be willing to write a letter to Mr. Jack Martin, Emergency Manager, Detroit Public Schools, regarding the closure of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School. Mr. Flanagan said he would be willing to co-sign the letter with Mr. Austin.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education write a letter to Mr. Jack Martin, Emergency Manager, Detroit Public Schools, reiterating concerns expressed by citizens regarding the proposed closure of Oakman Elementary/Orthopedic School in Detroit.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Varner moved, seconded by Dr. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education reschedule its December 10, 2013, meeting to Tuesday, December 17, 2013.

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, September 10, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, October 8, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, November 19, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, December 17, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)

XXVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at www.michigan.gov/sbe.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Varner
Secretary